

## GEN. NAVARRO SO HARD PRESSES HE IS ABLE TO BURY THE DEAD

### REBELS HAVE HIM IN A TRAP

Unable to Get Reinforcements, Short on Ammunition and Out of Food.

### SOMERFIELD IS A MISSING MAN Chihuahua American Who Went Out as Interpreter, Is Unaccounted For.

(By Associated Press.)  
Chihuahua, Mexico, Dec. 22.—Runners of the last three days that Gen. Navarro has been surrounded by the insurgents were confirmed yesterday afternoon by an American who left Pedernales, the scene of operations on Monday afternoon. According to this observer, Navarro personally is unharmed, and remains at the head of a detachment of his troops numbering 250 at the village of Pedernales. He described their position there as so precarious, however, that scarcely a soldier could poke his head from the protection of the houses without being fired upon.

No Chihuahua American cares to have his name used in connection with war news, because the success of his business depends upon governmental good will. The American who brings the above news is in the same boat, and he talked only under pledges of secrecy.

Navarro's Loss Heavy.  
He stated that while he saw only 250 of Navarro's force at Pedernales, he believed that the remainder of the outfit, numbering in the neighborhood of 650 persons, were posted in other positions. He said the Americans had sustained heavy losses, and he was certain that they were surrounded.

He declared that the mountains surrounding Pedernales, varying in distance from five to 15 miles, swarm with revolutionists. He added that no complete is the investment that Navarro is hard pressed to feed his men.

Dead Left Unburied.  
The man who brought this report said that he saw many dead near the village of Pedernales, but that the zone in which they lay was fire swept and Navarro did not dare to attempt burials. He returned to this city through Mal Paso, where the troop train was shot up, and counted 15 dead. He declared that a detachment of insurgents, who occupied the place, started for La Junta through the insurgent lines, while others simply reported him missing. Brandon has exposed himself freely in the quest of news, and a report of his death, which would surprise no one. His horse was shot under him near here three weeks ago, and he was wounded twice in the recent battle of Cerro Prieto, neither wound, however, being serious.

Somerfield Missing.  
The bearer of the news given is the only person who has returned from the front proper in the last week. He inquired also for P. A. Somerfield, who went to the front 10 days ago as interpreter for a newspaper man, and remained behind to cover details when the latter returned to Chihuahua, but could learn nothing concerning him.

Gen. Hernandez talking to a newspaper man today, stated that Gen. Navarro had been ordered to remain at Pedernales pending the arrival of reinforcements. As is well known now, the first of these started by train from here last Saturday, and were shot to pieces and turned back at Mal Paso on Sunday. The uninjured of this detachment, numbering probably 300, returned to Bustillos. They are still there. Today 160 additional men took train for San Antonio, to which point the government controls the line, to join them, and another 160 started to march the distance.

Gen. Hernandez said he had received a rumor that Pasquale Orozco, field chief of the revolutionists, was killed at Mal Paso, but he admitted that this was only a rumor for which confirmation was greatly desired.

### TROOPS COMING IN FROM MEXICO CITY

There are heavy troop movements from Mexico City toward the city of Chihuahua. Passengers arriving Thursday morning in El Paso tell of passing many troop trains on the way. One man says he counted three cars, he thinks, loaded with mountain artillery and in all 28 cars are on the way, 19 of them loaded with infantry, and the remainder with cavalrymen, and horses and artillery apparatus. The stories conflict but there must be truth in the basis of the reports.

### REBELS ORGANIZE IN HUACHUCA MOUNTAINS

Bisbee, Ariz., Dec. 22.—According to current reports, a large body of Mexicans, well armed, is being organized in the Huachuca mountains to cross the frontier and join the insurgents.

Chihuahua, Mexico, Dec. 22.—A train of 19 cars arrived in Chihuahua Wednesday night from the south, loaded to the steps with soldiers and their equipment including cannon. These forces will be rushed to the front as fast as possible in a desperate effort to relieve the men who are making what is thought to be a last stand of the Navarro troops.

## TOWNSTON SEIZED KILLED IN PUEBLA STATE IN FIGHT AT

Insurrectos Capture Place, But Are Routed by Federals, Report Says.

### AMERICAN HERE CONFIRMS NEWS

(By Associated Press.)  
Mexico City, Dec. 22.—A special from Puebla says 100 armed men attacked San Andres Conita in Puebla Tuesday night. They were said to have found no difficulty in taking possession, but were soon routed by state forces.

The attackers were more intent upon robbery than making a revolutionary demonstration, according to the dispatch. The state forces reached the town at 6 o'clock last evening and recaptured it after half an hour of fighting. Fifteen of the attacking party were taken prisoners. No details as to dead and wounded were given.

### PASSENGER CONFIRMS THE REPORTED TRIBLE IN PUEBLA

There has been trouble south of Mexico City according to H. Q. Tennant, who passed through this city Thursday on his way to his home in Ohio. Mr. Tennant said he received news from a friend in the state of Guerrero telling of fighting there, and of plenty of blood and excitement. The traveler is returning from the City of Mexico. He says that little faith is placed in the Mexican press, and that while the people do not know exactly what is occurring in the north, they guess at it by the troop movements. Tennant declares that all the papers are closely watched by the Mexican officials, and that he himself has seen the official censor going over the railroo proofs in the office of an American newspaper in Mexico City.

### INVESTIGATION IS MADE AT TORREON

Interview Given Out by an American Causes Official Probe by United States.

Torreón, Mex., Dec. 22.—Statements contained in an interview with a man giving his name as C. W. Walker, which appeared in the Temple (Texas) Telegraph during the latter part of November, are the subject of an investigation which is being made by the American state department. Mayor Hamill of Temple, acting upon the information contained in the interview, addressed a letter to congressman Henry of Texas, who, in turn, laid the matter before the state department at Washington.

Walker is not known here and his interview is filled with misstatements. In it he says the prisoners in Torreón when he left were filled with Americans, arrested on trivial charges and that the American consuls were paying no attention to their appeals, that the insurgents held Torreón and that he was arrested and put in jail on a charge of carrying arms, but was released when he exhibited papers showing that he was entitled to British protection, and their bodies thrown into places where they would not be found and that he assisted in the burial of 10 men thus killed.

The interview which furnished a basis for investigation on the part of the American government is a tissue of falsehoods from beginning to end. Torreón has never been attacked, has never been in the hands of the insurgents and its jails are not overflowing with Americans who have been arrested. Investigation on the part of consular agent Carothers and others interested in the matter show that no one by the name of C. W. Walker is known here either to mining men, merchants, assayers or anybody else. During 60 days previous to the publication of the interview only one arrest of an American had occurred here and that was of a habitue who, as usual, was released two days later, being kept in over Sunday.

The consular agent has made a full report of the matter to consul Freeman, who, in turn will submit it to the state department at Washington.

### TWO BRITISH OFFICERS ARE CONVICTED AS GERMAN SPIES

Leipzig, Germany, Dec. 22.—Capt. Bernhard Frederick Tresch, of the British Royal Marine Infantry, and Lieut. Vivian H. Brandon, of the Royal navy, were today found guilty of espionage on German fortifications at Borkum and sentenced each to four years' imprisonment in a fortress.

### CONFERENCE OF FEDERAL OFFICIALS

Meet in El Paso to Send Report on the Mexican Trouble.

A conference of the government officials stationed in El Paso was held in the office of A. L. Sharpe, collector of customs, Thursday morning to consider the Mexican revolutionary situation in regard to the maintenance of neutrality along the Mexican border in this district.

The conference was attended by Col. A. C. Sharpe, commander of Fort Bliss; Thomas D. Edwards, American consul in Juarez, Mexico; customs collector A. L. Sharpe, and Herbert Cole, of the department of justice.

The revolutionary movement was considered in detail by the government. While there have been no violations of the neutrality laws on the international border here, the conference was held in order to acquaint the government at Washington with the true situation.

### ALL QUIET ALONG WEST COAST OF MEXICAN REPUBLIC

Cananea, Mex., Dec. 22.—The Herald correspondent has recently returned from a trip along the west coast and to Guaymas and Hermosillo. There has not been the slightest trouble in that portion of Mexico which can be in any way connected with the fighting in Chihuahua.

Mazatlan is quiet, the only war talk heard being that between foreigners. Culiacan is tranquil and the same can be said of Guaymas, Hermosillo, Cananea, and all other cities in northwestern Mexico.

### OIL PRODUCERS TO MEET AT REQUEST OF BALLINGER

Tulsa, Okla., Dec. 22.—The directors of the Oklahoma Oil and Gas Producers' association will meet here tomorrow at the request of secretary of interior Ballinger to appoint a committee to go to Washington where he will confer with the authorities relative to releasing 1,000,000 acres in the Osage nation. The association will also ask the Oklahoma legislature for laws to benefit the producers.

### FAMILY NARROWLY ESCAPES FROM BURNING RESIDENCE

Elgin, Texas, Dec. 22.—Fire last night destroyed the residence of Gus Sewell, the family narrowly escaping. The loss is \$2000. The origin of the blaze is unknown.

### LIVE WIRE SHOCKS TWO

Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 22.—Joe Spencer, a negro, ran into a live wire this morning and received serious injury. Dr. Kent Kibbie, who was summoned to his aid, ran into the wire and was badly shocked.

### CHRISTMAS PARLONS TO BE GIVEN 100 CONVICTS

Austin, Tex., Dec. 22.—It was announced today that 100 Christmas pardons will be issued to convicts in state prisons. Forty pardons so far have been given and the board of pardons has recommended 100 additional.

### WILL URGE PRISON REFORM

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 22.—State senator Wainwright, here from Seguin, today announced that he will introduce a bill in the next legislature providing for prison reform. The bill will favor indeterminate terms and parole.

### PRISONERS TAKEN AT LAS CUEVAS

Are Brought to Parral for Trial—All Reported Quiet There.

Parral, Chih., Dec. 22.—Eight prisoners were captured in the town of Las Cuevas who are supposed to have taken part in the battle at that place on the 23d of last month when the insurgents captured the Jefatura, locked the jefe in the jail as well as his assistants, and held a dance all afternoon and evening. All the prominent people of the town were invited and were compelled to dance with them.

They held high revel during the stay of three days and stole all the official documents besides confiscating arms, money and horses, giving in return receipts in the name of the new government to be. The insurgents were supposed to be under the command of Guillermo Baca and Pedro T. Gomez, two former prominent business men of this place.

The prisoners will be given a trial in this city during the next few days. The insurgents in their haste left a roster of the names of the men in their troop and the names of the prisoners brought in yesterday appear on the roster. The taking of these prisoners discounts the talk going the rounds that orders were given not to take any prisoners but to shoot them.

The government has over 700 troops throughout this territory, divided as follows: Four hundred in the mountains, 200 at Parral, 50 at Santa Barbara, 50 at Zaragoza, 50 at Ballega and have 20 at Las Cuevas.

Jefe politico Rodolfo Valles, of this city, in a statement today says the insurrection is over in this section, the opposing party is scattered in the winds and the soldiers in the mountains are pursuing the remnants as fast as possible. Travel is safe, he says.

Miners are coming into this city to make their Christmas purchases. Business is going on as before the troubles and war talk are giving way to the projected developments in this section.

### HORSE MEAT FOR NAVARRO'S ARMY

No Supplies for Soldiers; General Said to Be Slated For Hanging.

Trapped between two wings of the insurrecto army, without food or supplies, cut off from reinforcements by the revolutionists and his army literally shot to pieces by the fire of the opposing forces, Gen. Navarro, the veteran commander of the Mexican federal troops in the field west of Chihuahua, is said to be in desperate straits at Pedernales. Unable to get supplies through from Chihuahua, with no base of supplies at hand, the Mexican general and his depleted command are reported to be subsisting on horse meat, procured by killing their mounts and the horses of the supply wagons. These reports are brought from the front by Americans who are arriving in Chihuahua and are hurrying to El Paso.

To surrender means death for the commander of the remnants of the federal troops, it is said. His orders to shoot and bayonet the insurrecto prisoners after the battle of Cerro Prieto, have gained for him the death sentence as soon as he is captured. Hanging has been decreed for the general and his death will be the first if the federal troops surrender, the insurrectos say. They have sent this message to Gen. Navarro and, knowing this, he is fighting to his last man in Pedernales, where his crippled and half starved army is entrenched behind adobe walls and in the adobe houses.

## CHICAGO CHIEF AND 28 MEN KILLED IN A FIRE

### IS INVESTIGATING THE MALLEN CLAIM

Governor Sends Capt. Rogers to Report on Former Consul's Case.

Captain Rogers of the state rangers is in El Paso in the interest of the state department, as the special representative of governor Tom Campbell to investigate the Franco-Mallen affair.

He was sent here because county attorney W. W. Bridges wrote the state department that he had neither the time nor money necessary to make the investigations required.

Francisco Mallen, one time Mexican consul in El Paso, wants the United States government to pay him \$100,000 because he alleges that while consul in 1907 he was assaulted by Juan Franco, at that time a deputy constable.

The affair occurred at the Santa Fe street bridge when Franco, it is claimed, attempted to take a pistol from Mallen and in the scuffle bruised him considerably. Mallen refusing to surrender the weapon.

Previous to this the two had quarreled. Franco testified in his trial on an assault charge that Mallen had promised to push the prosecution of a Mexican in Mexico who had killed his cousin, but later wanted Franco to implicate Lauro Aguirre and others in a revolutionary movement, and when Franco said he refused to manufacture evidence for the purpose, Mallen had the slayer of Franco's cousin released.

Shortly after the affair Mallen was recalled by his government and resigned as consul. Franco lost his job as constable but later became a deputy sheriff and jailer.

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### Austrian Baroness Takes a Shot At Washington Dullness



Baroness Hengelmueller, wife of the dean of the Washington diplomatic corps who was raised recently by the Austrian emperor to the highest position in the royal court—that of Royal Lady of the Palace. The baroness recently arrived in New York to do some Christmas shopping and during her stay startled her friends by her comparison of Washington and New York.

"Washington life is dull and stupid. Society there is provincial. New York is so different. There is so much to do beside sending and receiving cards and callers and drinking tea and going through the dreary round of formal and uninteresting social events."

### MORRIS & CO. PACKERY BURNS

House Falls On Them and They Are Crushed to Death--40 Are Injured At Same Time and Stockyards Threatened--Nearly 20 Men Meet Death In the Terrible Fire In Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 22.—After an all night search of the ruins of the leather factory of D. Friedlander, destroyed by fire last night, it is thought the number of firemen and policemen killed by falling walls is less than twenty.

Fourteen known dead, 13 firemen and one policeman, and more than 50 injured, several of whom may die, is the record known of the fire.

The police are making a rigid investigation of the cause of the fire. Reports that the place may have been purposely set on fire by an enemy of Friedlander, who says men have been seen loitering about the factory for some time.

Chief Baxter of the fire department, who had a narrow escape from death, said this morning that from 11 to 14 firemen lost their lives. Twelve bodies have been taken from the ruins. The work of digging for the bodies is very slow, as the extreme cold, which prevailed, froze the water flooded debris into almost a solid mass. Some bodies taken from the ruins are so badly burned that the limbs dropped from them.

The number of firemen and policemen injured totals nearly 50, several of whom will die.

### ONE MAN SAVED

The men worked frantically this morning trying to rescue William Glazier, a member of an engine company, lying face downward, with tons of brick less than a foot above his head and with his legs pinned to the pavement. Glazier held frequent conversations with the firemen and policemen trying to release him.

The Friedlander building was a five story structure. The fire had been confined within the walls when the disaster occurred. A group of firemen were inside playing water on the ruins when suddenly the wall fell inward, burying all of them and carrying down half a dozen men on the ladder. The firemen and policemen sprang to the rescue of their comrades and were caught by the north wall, which came plunging down.

Some of the injured were able to extricate themselves, others were pulled out by the leg and a number of others could be seen but could not be reached.

### MIRACULOUS ESCAPE

Glazier's escape from death was miraculous. His head could be seen from under the mangled body of fireman Charles Eideimon. When the imprisoned man was found, he called out: "I'm feeling pretty good. I'll hold out as long as I can."

Father Engler, of St. Peter's Catholic church, was sent for and he crept as close to Glazier as he could and administered spiritual comfort. In an effort to save Glazier from the possible fall of debris, two jacks were put in place and across these the firemen attempted to lay a board. Before the board could be adjusted more bricks and mortar fell on the helpless man and his face was contorted with pain.

"I can't hold out much longer," he cried.

"Cheer up," shouted one of the physicians. "We're getting to you."

"All right, I'll grin and bear it," Glazier said. He was rescued at 11:30 after being pinned in the debris 13 hours. At the hospital it was said he could not live, as both legs were broken and he was injured internally.

The financial loss is placed at a million dollars.

The buildings destroyed include two warehouses full of dressed meat, hams, etc., a tall house and other structures.

### FLIES OVER THE ENGLISH CHANNEL

Dover, Eng., Dec. 22.—Cecil Grace, competing for the DeForrest prize, flew across the English channel from Dover in a thick fog this morning and passed over Calais, France, at 10:45.

Baron DeForrest has offered a prize of \$20,000 for the longest flight, including crossing the English channel, made in 1910 by an Englishman in an English built machine.

FLIES TO BELGIUM.  
Calais, France, Dec. 22.—Grace flew as far as the Belgian frontier, where, meeting adverse winds, he turned back without descending and descended on the aviation grounds west of Calais. He started on his return trip to Dover at 2:10.